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Ceremony honors Directed Energy achievers

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – Five medals and 13 certificates were presented during a ceremony at the Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy Directorate in April.

Leading the list of medals was a Meritorious Service Medal to Lt. Col. Jeffery Martin, chief of the Surveillance Technology Branch, and an Air Force Commendation Medal to Staff Sgt. Kenneth L. Wadleigh. Air Force Achievement Medals were also presented to Master Sgt. Donald L. Novak, superintendent of the Satellite Assessment Center, Staff Sgt. Keith M. Fosmire and Senior Airman Daniel P. Kane. For Novak, it was his second oak leaf cluster; for Fosmire and Kane it was their first oak leaf cluster. Wadleigh, Fosmire and Kane work in the High Power Microwave Applications Branch.

The five military members were recognized for outstanding achievements. For Martin, Fosmire, and Kane, it was for work at their previous assignment. For Wadleigh and Novak, it was for the quality of their work.

Certificates of Achievement were also presente to Dr. Kirk E. Hackett, Dr. Diana L. Loree and Capt. Roderick Swift of the Active Denial Technology Test Team for their work with a non-lethal, anti-personnel directed energy technology, for which they also received the Giller Award. Also receiving certificates was the Prototype High-Power Microwave Source Evaluations Team consisting of Dr. Kyle Hendricks, Dr. Thomas Spencer, Dr. John Luginsland, Capt. Jay Foil and Lester Bowers. Their work was in support of a high-power microwave source that was deemed critical to national security.

There were five individual certificates presented: Dr. Lawrence Weaver received one for his scientific and leadership skills, leading a team of scientists and engineers. Robert F. Roybal received his certificate for managing several key experimental and analytical studies. Theresa Michelback was recognized for her continuing superior work and commitment, particularly in support of new employees. Lindsay Blanton was praised for her assistance in helping to keep the directorate's scientists abreast of the research and development efforts of other nations. Jenna Hendricks received a certificate for having been selected as the student employee of the year. @